

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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ALL IV-D DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS  
ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT  
ALLOCATION

The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) has informed the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) that effective with the November 4, 2005 pay date, the United States Postal Service (USPS) is automating its process for allocation of child support withholdings. The allocation among multiple orders for child support is pursuant to Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 581 and Title 45, CFR, 303.100(a)(5) to ensure that each order receives some funds. The USPS will allocate payroll withholdings among an obligor's multiple child support cases according to the method in the state that is the employee's principal place of employment, or duty station.

The USPS has 800,000 employees with 43,000 child support orders, and is developing an automated system that will facilitate the change in the allocation method. The new method could impact current child support withholding payments from approximately 4,000 employees with more than one support order. Some custodial parents may see a decrease in payment while others, who have received little or no support before, may see a substantial increase in the support paid.

This automation upgrade may prompt an increase in calls to your agency as changes in payment amounts occur. Again, this change is scheduled to be effective for the pay period ending October 29, 2005, to be paid on November 4, 2005.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Trish Salvesson, Manager Financial Management Policy Unit, at (916) 464-5055.

Sincerely,

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Reason for this Transmittal

- ☐ State Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Federal Law or Regulation Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Change
- ☐ Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by DCSS